growers/nurserymen for Flue Cured Virginia tobacco, as per tobacco Board Rules).

(e) Does not arise.

Growth rate of manufacturing sector

†2441. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJMOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment regarding annual growth rate of development in the manufacturing sector of the country during 2005-06 and 2006-07, from April to February has been made;

(b) if so, the annual growth rate of development in the above mentioned period, separately; and

(c) the extent by which this actual rate is less or more than the fixed target of the annual growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The growth rate of the manufacturing sector, in terms, of index of Industrial Production (IIP), was 9.1% in2005-06. As per the latest data available, growth rate of the manufacturing sector was 11.9% during 2006-07 (April-January).

(c) No annual growth target is fixed for the manufacturing sector.

Increase in cement price

†2442. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.